

IN THE CLAIMS:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the claims of the international application as follows:

1. (Original) An attachment system for connecting a first member to a second member, characterised in that the first member has a lug connected thereto, the second member has an recess which receives the lug in use, and wherein a clamping member is disposed between the lug and the second member, the clamping member including a resilient portion such that the supply of a compressive force to the resilient portion acts to restrain movement of the second member relative to the lug.

2. (Original) An attachment system as claimed in Claim 1, characterised in that the first member is a lip plate of a digging device and the second member is a ground engaging tool.

3. (Currently Amended) An attachment system as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, characterised in that the clamping member includes a longitudinally aligned chamber within which the resilient portion is located.

4. (Original) An attachment system as claimed in Claim 3, characterised in that the clamping member includes a lug engaging member which moves in a longitudinal direction relative to the chamber when the compressive force is supplied.

5. (Original) An attachment system as claimed in Claim 4, characterised in that the resilient portion is contained within the lug engaging member.

6. (Currently Amended) An attachment portion as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterised in that the compressive force is supplied by means of a threaded bolt.

7. (Currently Amended) An attachment portion as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterised in that the resilient portion is a compressible spring

Please amend the claims annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report as follows:

8. (Previously Presented) An attachment portion as claimed in Claim 7, characterised in that the resilient portion is comprised of a plurality of Belleville washers.

9. (Previously Presented) An attachment system for connecting a first member to a second member, characterised in that the first member has a lug connected thereto and the second member has a recess which receives the lug, the recess extending inwardly from a rear surface of the second member, wherein a clamping member is receivable within the recess from the rear surface, the clamping member being arranged to locate adjacent the lug, and wherein the recess includes a slot in which a stabilizing member is received, the stabilizing member locating, in use, between the

clamping member and the rear surface, such that the supply of pressure to the clamping member acts to restrain movement of the second member relative to the lug.

10. (Previously Presented) An attachment system as claimed in Claim 9, characterised in that the stabilizing member is held within the slot so as to be prevented from moving in a longitudinal direction.

11. (Currently Amended) An attachment system as claimed in Claim 9 ~~or Claim 10~~, characterised in that the stabilising member includes an aperture through which the pressure can be applied.